URBAN CAMPUS HOSTS PANEL DISCUSSION ON IMMIGRATION

University of Northern Iowa Anthropology Professor Dr. Mark Grey delivered a presentation on immigration in Iowa prior to a panel discussion on immigration and its implications for Iowa schools, recently held on the DMACC Urban Campus. Grey said census figures indicate that more Latinos are settling in Iowa communities. He said the Latino population in Buena Vista and Crawford counties is now at 22 percent.

DMACC and the Heartland Area Education Agency sponsored the two-and-a-half-hour forum held Oct. 5 on the Urban Campus and attended by more than 100 community members. The panelists included (left to right) Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas; Urbandale Community Schools Student Services Director Brenda Auxier-Mailey; Wells Fargo Financial Vice President of Diversity Eric Idehen; DMACC English as a Second Language District Chair Ewa Pratt; Sandra Sanchez, Immigrants Voice Program Director, American Friends Service Committee; Lori Chesser, Attorney with the Davis Brown Law Firm; Des Moines Public Schools Refugee Case Manager Deng Tiir; and West Des Moines Valley High School Associate Principal Aiddy Phomvisay.

PRACTICE USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

DMACC Welding student Tim Duke (left) of Des Moines practices using a fire extinguisher on the DMACC Ankeny Campus under the watchful eye of Ankeny Fire Marshall/Division Chief Craig Fraser. The Ankeny Fire Department conducted the hands-on demonstration emphasizing the PASS methods of using a fire extinguisher. PASS is an acronym for pull the pin, aim the nozzle, squeeze the trigger and sweep. Fraser and Ankeny firefighter/EMT Jeff Wells conducted the demonstration, which allowed all Welding students to get hands-on experience using a fire extinguisher.

SPECIAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHT
URBAN’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Urban Campus turns 30 years old this month and the faculty, staff and students made sure the milestone was celebrated in style.

At a special birthday party to kickoff a week of festivities on Mon., Oct. 4, Student Activities Council treasurer Sjhon Shields (right) handed out T-shirts while other SAC members served cake and other refreshments. The celebration week also included an immigration panel discussion; the ever-popular Multicultural Festival, which highlights Urban Campus’ multicultural diversity; a jersey day; a 70s Show event and a volunteer work day at the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge near Prairie City. A special scholarship dinner and fundraising auction, which drew more than 80 friends of Urban Campus and the College, capped the week.

Charles Betts Jr., a major contributor to the Urban Campus, who has a campus building named after him (left), and Iowa Congressman Leonard Boswell were among those in attendance. Later in the evening, during the auction, Boswell showed off his auctioneering skills in the bidding event.

DMACC President and CEO Rob Denson hoists an auction item—a specially designed DMACC radial pedal car adorned with the DMACC logo and the College’s colors. The car was made by DMACC’s Auto Collision students.

DMACC Vice President for Community and Workforce Partnerships and a former Urban Campus provost, Mary Chapman (left) welcomed Dr. Kumsan Song to the dinner. More than $14,000 was raised at the event to support scholarships for Urban Campus students.
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL AT DMACC’S URBAN CAMPUS

DMACC’s Urban Campus students (left to right) Ajoice Gonzalez of Cuba, Alena Tschopp of Russia, Teresa Bol of Sudan and Zainab Alhamed of Iraq model apparel from their native countries at a fashion show during the Multicultural Festival held as part of the 30th anniversary celebration of the Urban Campus.

Trang Vo and Trang Bui, both of Vietnam, Aehwa Choi of South Korea, Dema Abu Assaf of Jordan and Isatu Kamara of Sierra Leone also participated in the fashion show. The Urban Campus students also sold food from their native countries over the noon hour during the special day.
MANUFACTURING’S IMPACT ON ECONOMY

World-renowned management guru and author Tom Peters drives home a point during his presentation at the Advanced Manufacturing Conference held Oct. 7 at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Four hundred seventy people packed the conference center to hear economists, manufacturing industry leaders and Peters.

President Denson makes a point about DMACC’s partnerships with manufacturers and the College’s leadership in educating workers for Iowa’s manufacturing sector.

PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY—ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC Ankeny Campus Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) 2010–11 Beta Epsilon Eta Chapter Co-President Adam Frakes of Granger (right) lights the candle of Daniel Klinefelter of Des Moines during the recent PTK Induction Ceremony held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. A total of 27 students attended the induction ceremony.
ODYSSEY DAY ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS

Odyssey Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fri., Oct. 15, in Bldg. #13 on the Ankeny Campus. There will be an informational trade show, an alternative fuel vehicle showcase, educational breakout sessions and a free lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS FALL CONCERT

DMACC Ankeny Campus student Jessica Fiori (photo on bottom left) of Dallas Center performs the solo “I’m Not that Girl” from Wicked during the Potpourri section of the Fall Choral Concert recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus, while DMACC Ankeny Campus student Kalista Roseland of Marshalltown performs the solo “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen.

Choral Conductor Aaron Powell directs his first DMACC Concert. The Chamber Ensemble, Ambassadors and Concert Choir performed during the free concert.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS EVENT—NEWTON CAMPUS

A domestic violence and sexual assault awareness event will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and repeated from 6 to 6:30 p.m., Thur., Oct. 21 in the Newton Campus Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Newton Student Activities Council. A panel discussion will take place. Panelists include Newton Police Chief Jeff Hoebelheinrich; Sue Tufte, Jasper County Outreach Coordinator for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Alternatives; and Dustin Shannon, from the Iowa Fifth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services.
IRAQI ARTIST SPEAKS AT DMACC WEST CAMPUS

Amer Alobaidi (right), an Iraqi artist and former Director of the National Museum of Modern Art in Baghdad, recently spoke at the DMACC West Campus. His daughter, Bedor, who is a DMACC Urban Campus student, translated for him. Alobaidi’s museum was looted and he and his family were forced to leave Iraq in 2007 when the country was wracked with sectarian violence. He lost a son in a car-bomb explosion, which also wounded his wife, Sawsan. He fled the country with only one rolled up canvas and was relocated as a refugee to Des Moines. Alobaidi is an internationally known artist who has been called “the Picasso of Iraq.”

Alobaidi will also speak at the DMACC Boone Campus from 12:20 to 1:15 p.m., Mon., Oct. 18, in the Boone Campus Theatre. He will also speak from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., Wed., Oct. 20 in Bldg. #1, Room 124–126 on the Urban Campus.

ANKENY CAMPUS FALL FORUM

President Rob Denson (left) answers a question during the recent Ankeny Campus Fall Forum as Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Ankeny Provost Kim Linduska looks on. Rob and Kim are hosting two campus forums with faculty and staff members at each campus this year giving DMACC employees double the number of opportunities to discuss College issues and operations with administrators.

JOB OPENINGS

Assistant Bookstore Manager, Urban Campus
Salary: $43,529 to $65,293
Review Date: Oct. 15, 2010

Bookstore Clerk, Part-time, Mon.–Thur.: 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Fri.: 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., West Campus
Salary: $13.04 to $13.73 per hour based on experience.
Review Date: Oct. 19, 2010

If interested in either of the above positions, please visit the DMACC Human Resources web page, www.dmacc.edu/hr. A review of completed application materials will begin on the review date.
BRANSTAD HOLDS NEWS CONFERENCE AT ANKENY CAMPUS

Iowa gubernatorial candidate Terry Branstad (left) and Kim Reynolds, who is running for lieutenant governor, held a news conference in Bldg. #24 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus on Oct. 5. Branstad proposed exposing every Iowa student from the kindergarten level, through K-12, community college and regents institutions, to an entrepreneurship mindset. He also proposed a 50 percent tuition tax credit for businesses that pay the college tuition for future workers. Branstad is running for governor against incumbent governor Chet Culver.

MASKE SPEAKS AT ANKENY CAMPUS

Bill Maske, Democratic candidate for the Iowa Fourth District House seat, spoke at the DMACC Ankeny Campus as part of the College’s Candidate on Campus series. Maske is challenging Republican incumbent Tom Latham. Mari Culver, Iowa’s First Lady, will speak at 11:15 a.m., Mon., Oct. 18 in the Ankeny Campus, Bldg. #6 Auditorium as part of the Candidate on Campus series.

DMACC OATH OF OFFICE

DMACC board member Joe Pugel (left) of Newton is sworn in as DMACC Board President, and Kevin Halterman of Indianola takes the oath of office as DMACC Board Vice President at the recent DMACC Board of Directors meeting held in Boone.
AMPUTEES PROVIDES INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Dan Davison delivered an inspirational message reminding students that “you are your choices” during a presentation on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Davison explained how he was abused at an early age while living on the south side of Chicago. The abuse included being beaten with boards. He said he started using drugs in fifth grade and sold drugs in high school, where he was known as “The Pharmacist.”

On a cold February night 15 years ago, Davison, stoned out of his mind, walked outside, slipped on the ice and hit his head. Unconscious for several hours, Davison awoke to find his hands and feet unusable due to severe frostbite. He was eventually able to crawl across a frozen pond where he was found by a security guard. Davison had spent 13-and-a-half hours in 40-below-zero windchill weather. Doctors had to amputate his four limbs when gangrene set in. Davison has now changed his lifestyle and attitude. He speaks publicly about his ordeal. By sharing his life’s lessons and the consequences of what can happen when poor choices are made, Davison provides encouragement and empowers people to let go of beliefs that limit them. For more on Davison and his story, go to www.danielrdavison.org.

DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

The Pioneers had a great day at the Apple Orchard of The Berry Farm near Nevada on Oct. 14. All of the 2010 meeting minutes, fliers and photos are posted on the Pioneer website at www.dmacc.edu/pioneers.

The November meeting is Thur., Nov. 11, at 11:30 a.m. in the FFA Bldg., Room 208. There will be pizza, popcorn and a great movie. Your admission price to the movie is a monetary donation to the Holiday Food Baskets. The Board meeting begins at 10 a.m. in Room 208. The movie, Young at Heart, is a documentary on a chorus of senior citizens (average age 81) from Massachusetts who cover songs by great rock & roll musicians. This should be fun for all. Call (515) 964-6868 no later than Mon., Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. to register for the November meeting.

Pamela’s Pantry is a goodwill service operated by Mary Ocker in Bldg. #6, Room 10. Mary gives out food cards for the cafeteria and on-the-go snacks that students can eat or warm up for some much-needed energy. DMACC students always have needs. Please think of them the next time you shop.

The December meeting will be the Holiday Party for all Pioneers and DMACC staff. It will be held Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lakeview Inn, in Bldg. #7.

Find time to enjoy this lovely Fall weather.